

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 33-37, and 43-37 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 1 and 33 being amended, Claims 23-27 being canceled, and new Claims 43-47 being added. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the specification and rejected Claims 1-12, 23-27, and 33-37 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner remarked that the Specification fails to provide disclosure as to when, where, and using what feature does the “second storage step” as recited in the claims is performed. Applicants respectfully submit that the Specification adequately supports this feature of the present invention.

As set forth in Claims 1, 33, and new Claim 43 (which is added to replace canceled Claim 23), a total mixing system is disclosed which includes a first mixing system and a second mixing system. In accordance with a preferred embodiment as claimed, the first mixing system includes one engine and one or more console. (console for the first mixing system is disclosed in Fig. 1(a) of the present application). The second mixing system includes a console, which is also illustrated in Fig. 1(a); the first and second mixing systems include consoles of the same construction. As described in paragraph [0012] of the present application, the console of Fig. 1(a) includes a RAM, and as further described in paragraph [0013], the RAM is allocated with “a scene area 122b for storing scene data.”

It is readily understood to one of ordinary skill in the art that the first storage step is to store the scene data to the scene area 122b of the RAM of the first mixing system. Similarly, it is also

understood that the second storage step is to store the scene data to the scene area 122b of the RAM of the second mixing system. The storage process is clearly described in paragraph [0013] of the Specification.

Applicants note that the storing of data, including scene data, is not an essential or novel aspect of the present invention, but is rather a well known conventional technology as mentioned in paragraph [0005] of the Specification. It is not important when such data is stored. As described in paragraph [0005], a user may store any scene data into a mixing system before performing a recall operation of the stored scene data. Applicants further note that the present invention is unique and novel in that the invention synchronizes the scene data recall operation between the first and second mixing systems. This feature is not disclosed or suggested by any prior art reference of record.

The Specification has been amended to correct informalities.

New Claims 43-47 have been added to replace canceled Claims 23-27. New Claims 43-47 recite essentially the same subject matter as Claims 23-27, but are rewritten to better recite the invention. New Claims 43-47 are submitted as in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5752 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032035900.

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